

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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[039] For the reservoir coating containing the active agent and the optional top coat ~~coat~~, a final heat treatment could be conducted to remove essentially all of the solvent(s) from the composition on the stent. The heat treatment can be conducted at about 30° C to about 200° C for about 15 minutes to about 16 hours, more narrowly at about 50° C to about 100° C for about 1 hour to about 4 hours. By way of example, the heat treatment can be conducted at about 75°C for 1 hour. The temperature of exposure should not adversely affect the characteristics of the active agent or of the coating. The heating can be conducted in an anhydrous atmosphere and at ambient pressure. The heating can, alternatively, be conducted under a vacuum condition. It is understood that essentially all of the solvent(s) will be removed from the composition but traces or residues can remain blended in the coating.